

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. No claims have been added. No claims have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1-20 will remain pending.

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-2, 6, and 8-9, 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frey et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,982,783) in view of Rabenko et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 20020018463 A1). Applicants traverse these rejections.

The Examiner has rejected claims 3-5, 7, and 10-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined system Frey -- Rabenko in view of Rostoker et al. (US Patent 5,640,399 B1). Applicants traverse these rejections.

Applicants have amended the claims to more specifically point out the use of a physical phone line identifier. All the claims require a Voice over ATM (VoA) phone having a physical phone line identifier, said Voice over ATM (VoA) phone coupled to said DSP subsystem and said codec. The Examiner has used a subscriber line coupled to a PSTN system as a physical phone line identifier. One skilled in the art would not look to Rabenko's subscriber line to function as a physical VoA phone identifier.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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